

Weather Forecast

Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; slightly warmer tonight; lowest temperature about 32 degrees; colder tomorrow night. Temperatures today: Highest, 39, at 1 p.m.; lowest, 26, at 3:35 a.m. Full report on page A-2.

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U.S. Rejects Japan's 'New Order' In China, Note Reserving All Rights Under 'Open-Door' Pact

Change in Treaties By Negotiation Is Offered

BACKGROUND—

Since invading China in July, 1937, Japan has more and more excluded American commerce and missionaries from conquered territory. October 6 Secretary of State Hull protested to Japan against restriction of American activities in China. Japan's reply, November 18, was termed unsatisfactory by Secretary Hull, in reasserting position that Japan could not nullify the "open door" in China.

(Text of American note to Japan on page A-5.)

By the Associated Press.

Bluntly rejecting Japan's "new order" program in the Far East, the United States today told the Tokyo government today it reserved all American rights in China.

A note delivered to the Japanese foreign office by Ambassador Joseph C. Grew stated in plain but friendly terms that the United States "does not admit" any "need or warrant for one power"—Japan—to constitute itself the repository of authority and the agent of destiny "in areas not under its sovereignty."

This Government announced simultaneously that it was prepared to enter into negotiation for changing treaties affecting China. But it added emphatically it would not tolerate Japan's effort to supersede the principles of equal opportunity and the open door which have been long maintained in China.

Reserves All Right. "This Government reserves all rights of the United States as they exist and does not give assent to any impairment of any of these rights," the American note said.

It was a reply to Japan's note of November 18 announcing the "new order" program for East Asia which Japan said was the keystone for enduring peace and stability in East Asia. The step today, taken after nearly 18 months of note-writing to Japan over her campaign in China and its effect upon American interests there, constituted the first direct and complete challenge to Japan's effort to establish her hegemony throughout China by means of the "new order" program.

The note outlined the United States' fundamental position in the Chinese conflict and the State Department indicated it would be the final communication to Japan on this question.

The people and the Government of the United States cannot assent to the abrogation of this country's rights or obligations by the arbitrary action of agents or authorities of any other country," the note said.

Parallel to Stimson Action.

The reservation of American rights in China was a parallel of the action taken by former Secretary of State Stimson January 7, 1932, in the case of Manchuria, which the United States has never recognized as a government.

The American note labeled "highly paradoxical" Japan's admonition that the Chinese "open door" henceforth was to be contingent on an admission by the United States "of the validity of the conception by Japanese authorities of 'new situation' and a 'new order' in East Asia." The note added:

"This country's adherence to and its advocacy of the principle of equality of opportunity do not flow solely from a desire to obtain the commercial benefits which naturally result from the carrying out of that principle."

"The principle of equality of economic opportunity is, moreover, one to which over a long period and on many occasions the Japanese government has given definite approval. It is one to the observance of which the Japanese government has committed itself in various international agreements and understandings. It is one upon observance of which by other nations the Japanese government has of its own accord and upon its own initiative frequently insisted. It is one to which the Japanese government has repeatedly during recent months declared itself committed."

The United States declared its readiness, in accordance with the principle of peaceful revision of treaties, to listen to any proposal Japan cares to put forward. It, however, declares itself firmly opposed to any single-handed denunciation of the treaties by Japan.

Program Not Fully Defined. Numerous Japanese officials recently have said that recognition by foreign governments of the "new order" program in China was a prerequisite to continue equal economic opportunity in that country. The program has not been fully defined to the United States but is understood in general to provide that all East Asia would be linked economically or otherwise to Japanese leadership.

In her note of November 18 the Tokyo government said:

"Japan at present is devoting her energy to the establishment of a new order based on genuine international justice throughout East Asia, the attainment of which end is not only an indispensable condition of the very existence of Japan but also constitutes the very foundation of her peace."

(See JAPAN, Page A-4.)

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Nazi Papers Lash Out at U. S. As Hitler Urges Appeasement

Ickes Termed World Jewry's General Agent; Fuehrer Wants Bigger Army in 1939

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—German newspapers lashed at the United States Government today as Adolf Hitler set Nazidom on its "road of destiny" for 1939 with the admonition that the army must be strengthened.

World Jewry is the American farmers' "throat cutter" and Secretary of Interior Ickes their "general agent," newspapers declared, assailing the "Roosevelt regime."

The story of Germany's protest against Ickes' Cleveland speech of December 18 and the State Department's rejection December 21 was splashed on almost all front pages under such headlines as "Sharpest German Protest Against Lie Campaign of United States Minister Ickes."

A Communique issued yesterday by the official news agency, DNB, warning that there was no hope of

German Sub Plans Threaten to Spur Armament Race

Chamberlain to Receive Data on Intentions Immediately

BACKGROUND—

German naval aspirations traditionally have been principal threat to British sea supremacy. Rearmament of the Reich after rise of Nazis in 1933 led to naval agreement with England in 1935 by which Germany agreed to limit her submarine strength to 45 per cent of England's force, but retained the right, she deemed it necessary, to build up to England's submarine strength. Supplemental agreement signed in 1937.

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W.P.A. Coercion Quiz Likely to Clear Hopkins

Senators Held Slated For No Blame Also In Campaign Report

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Senate committee delegated to investigate election campaigns of last fall found most widespread complaints centering about relief administration in States where contests were bitter. Whatever measure of truth was contained in charges has not yet been disclosed, as committee withheld comment pending presentation of its report to Senate.

By the Associated Press.

The report of the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee, informed persons said today, will exonerate Harry L. Hopkins, newly appointed Secretary of Commerce, of any participation in W. P. A. political activity.

Although the report is expected to deal extensively with alleged political coercion of Federal relief and State employees in Kentucky, Tennessee and Pennsylvania, the committee was said to have found there was no evidence the former W. P. A. chief knew of these incidents. The report will be made Tuesday.

No Senatorial Censure Likely.

The committee's findings on individual States, it was said, will contain no personal censure of Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the Democratic leader; Senator Guffey, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, nor Senator-elect Stewart, Democrat, of Tennessee, for conditions in their States.

The committee has said previously that political coercion of both W. P. A. and State employees in Kentucky was "deplorable." It said "every questionable device" was used in the Tennessee primary and it reported that evidence sustained several charges of W. P. A. political activity in Pennsylvania.

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Thieves Get Bird (Stuffed), Also Eggs, in Zoo Robbery

Two Mounted African Weaver Birds. Two nest and egg exhibits, including eggs of the crane, penduline tit, Weaver bird and murre, loaned to the Zoo by the National Museum.

One stuffed night hawk head. Several birds' legs. Police, responding to a radio call, "Scout 81, get report of a house-breaking at Zoo birdhouse," examined the cases for fingerprints. They were at a loss to explain the robbery, discovered when the keepers arrived to begin feeding.

The loot was valuable except to a highly specialized group of collectors. A burglar, or some small boy led astray by a passion for collecting, jimmied the heavy front door at the Bird House and pried open two cases in which the eggs were displayed.

The lost was valued at \$100. Malcolm Davis listed the loss as follows: One ostrich egg—very old.

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WHICH SORT OF "REGIMENTATION" DO YOU PREFER?

Thieves Get Bird (Stuffed), Also Eggs, in Zoo Robbery

The Bird House at the Zoo was all in a twitter today over the big egg robbery. The feathered inmates were still squawking about it this morning, long after the intruder had departed with eggs ranging from the huge output of the ostrich to the minute contribution of the humming bird.

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Barkley Chosen Senate Leader By Democrats

His Re-Election Is Unanimous as Good Will Prevails

BACKGROUND—

With Republican minorities appreciably larger in both House and Senate, speculation has been widespread as to prospects of administration leadership maintaining sufficient harmony within majority to exercise legislative control. Legislative recommendations of President, to be outlined next week, are expected to provide key to this puzzle.

By the Associated Press.

Senate Democrats unanimously re-elected Senator Barkley, Kentucky, as majority leader at a harmonious meeting today.

The caucus lasted only 20 minutes. There were general expressions of friendship and good will among Senators who have differed widely on legislative issues in the past. Senator Barkley was re-elected on the motion of Senator Pitman of Nevada. Senator Harrison of Mississippi served as temporary chairman of the caucus. Senator Harrison had lost the leadership by a single vote last year.

The caucus unanimously re-elected Senator Lewis of Illinois as party whip and Senator Minton of Indiana as assistant whip. Senator Lee of Oklahoma was designated secretary of the Democratic Conference, a post which has been vacant since Hugo Black resigned from the Senate to become an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

After the conference Senator Barkley said the meeting "augurs well" for a harmonious session. Senate Republicans will caucus Tuesday and House Democrats and Republicans will hold their meetings Monday.

Garner Is Courtied. There were numerous signs, meanwhile, that the administration is courting Vice President Garner's cooperation during the coming congressional session.

The jovial Vice President, who has been credited with using his influence against some past New Deal legislative proposals, has held an endless series of conferences with administration officials and Congress members since his return from his Uvalde (Tex.) home. Two of the callers at his office yesterday were Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and Harry Hopkins, newly appointed Secretary of Commerce. Other callers were J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Representative Rayburn of Texas, the House majority leader.

Secretary Wallace, it was learned, sought the meeting with the Vice President.

There have been other indications that administration officials want Mr. Garner to have a full understanding—and a sympathetic one—of their legislative views. It was recalled that the Vice President at President Roosevelt's request returned to Washington earlier than he usually does for a Congress session. On the day of his arrival he conferred with Mr. Roosevelt.

Believed to Have Asked Aid. These advances to the Vice President stirred speculation about how far the administration might be willing to go to satisfy him and those Democratic Congress members of similar views. Mr. Garner is known as a "middle-of-the-roader," who constantly has advised against anything destructive of party harmony.

While none of yesterday's callers would discuss his conversation with the Vice President, Capital speculation was along this line: Secretary Wallace—Outlined administration's forthcoming farm recommendations and asked Mr. Garner to support them. Mr. Hopkins—Detailed his administration's views on the new tariff bill.

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